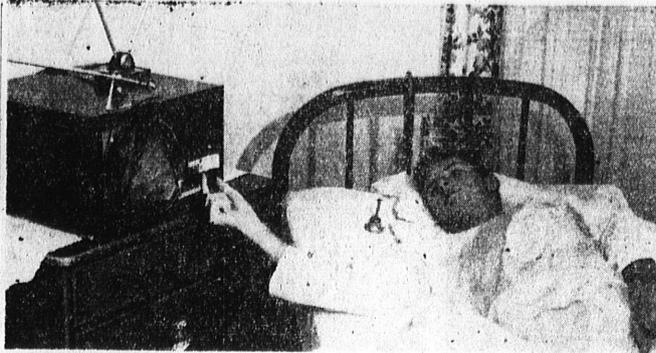




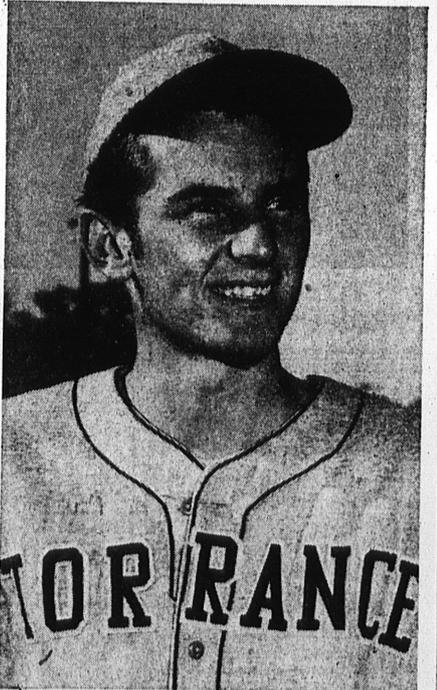
LAI D UP . . . Jim Taylor, grid star of the 1948 season, is shown here as he was pictured in the Torrance Herald on June 16, 1949. The Saturday before he had suffered a broken neck in an auto crash in San Pedro. Doctors said at the time that his athletic career was probably finished. (Herald photo).



THE ROAD BACK . . . A month after his injury, Jim was home taking wrestling lessons by television. A local appliance dealer had furnished Jim a set to help the 15-year-old athlete while away the many long hours he was confined to his bed at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, at 2063 West 220th street. (Herald photo).



THE RETURN . . . Although still forced to watch the grid games from the sidelines, Jim donned a Tartar uniform for the 1950 baseball season and rated honorable mention in the All-Bay League selections.—(Herald Photo).



El Camino Nine Enters Playoff

Both El Camino College and Santa Monica CC will participate in the region I playoffs of the national junior college baseball tournament which will be held at Pasadena May 18 through May 25.

The Warriors and Santa Monica CC tied for second place in the Metropolitan conference.

Participating in the playoffs are Pasadena CC, Western States conference kingpins and defending champions; Mount San An-

THE CLIMAX . . . Jim Taylor, still sidelined from the grid team, made the varsity basketball team last winter, and was the first string backstop on Coach Vern Wolfe's baseball squad this year. He was voted Captain of the 1951 baseball team. (Herald Photo).

tonio college, Eastern conference champions; Long Beach CC, Metropolitan conference title holder; El Camino College, Santa Monica CC, and the winner of a playoff between Los Angeles CC and Glendale CC, currently tied for second in the Western States conference.

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Bluebirds Win Tilt To Face Cavaliers

Manager Claire Ausmus and his Torrance Bluebirds are looking forward to getting somewhere in the Long Beach Municipal Baseball League now that they've begun to hit their stride. They raised their status to an even .500 last Sunday with a 5-4 win over the Huntington Park Ocean Views here before a sizable Mother's Day crowd.

"We're going to try our best to make it .566," Ausmus said when asked about next Sunday's game against the Cavaliers. Torrance lost its first game to the Long Beach Merchants. Jack Bynum came out of semi-retirement to hurl the pellet for the Birds Sunday, getting credit for the win. Tex Roberts relieved him in the eighth after Bynum loaded, the sacks with only one out. Roberts fanned the next two batters to relieve the pressure.

Vic Ordaz, who finished his high school baseball career against Inglewood last Thursday, blasted in the winning run in the seventh.

LEADS HITTERS
Bucky Kuhn led the hitting parade with two for three, raising his league average to .600. In other games around the league Sunday, the Hod Carriers lost to the Long Beach Merchants 6-4. Trembley-Johnson lost a scoring marathon to San Marins Furs 16-15. Wilmington Eagles beat the 2347 AFRFC 13-9, and the Cavaliers beat North American 4-3.

NEW UNIFORMS
First of the new uniforms made their appearance on the backs of several players Sunday. Recreation Superintendent Frank Carpenter said that he hopes for several more uniforms in the very near future.

Torrance got into the league one game behind the others, and must make up a game at the end of the season. The league opened April 22. The April 29 games were rained out all over the area, so Torrance is only one game behind.

TEAM	W	L	T	P	AB	R	H	R
Torrance (5)	3	0	2	0	108	23	30	13
Ordnance	2	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Camou	2	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Chambers	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Crawford	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Crawford	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Benetti	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Camou	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Bynum	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Nichols	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Ocean View (4)	2	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Shuch	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Daniel	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Mattias	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Strick	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Manley	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Hoffeld	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Benetti	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Meyer	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Alumina	1	0	0	0	108	23	30	13
Line score:								
Ocean View	020	000	011	011				
Bluebirds	030	000	20x-5	6				

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Once Near Death, Taylor Elected Captain of Team

Catcher Jim Taylor, six foot, three inch Tartar athlete who was seriously injured in an auto crash two years ago, climaxed his fight for recovery last Thursday by being named Captain of the 1951 Tartar baseball team. The 17-year-old Tartar senior suffered a broken neck in an auto collision on June 11, 1949. For the next several months he was confined to a hospital bed, his bed at home, and then to an unwieldy neck brace.

He returned to action here in February of 1950 when he joined the Tartar basketball squad. Later that spring he received honorable mention on the All-Bay League selections for baseball, and will be a strong contender for league honors this year.

Jim was elected captain by the members of the 1951 baseball squad. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, of 2063 West 220th street.

Seven Seniors Play Last Game As Tartars End Baseball Season

Checking in their baseball uniforms for the final time last Thursday afternoon were seven seniors and one junior. They had just turned in their final varsity game for Torrance High in dropping their last league match to Inglewood to end the season.

Seniors checking in suits were Jim Taylor, who was voted captain of the 1951 team; Irwin Kasler, Jim Nady, Duane Mittan, Dick Ferguson, Bruce Smith, and Al Knappenberger.

The one junior who won't be out next spring is Vic Ordaz. He will not be eligible in the spring because of his age—19. The Tartars put up a vain fight against Inglewood Thursday in an effort to salvage something out of the 1951 season, but they were never in the game as the Sentinels belted everything Charlie Camou could throw at them. They were a hard-hitting bunch of ball players, and it is a wonder they lost even the one game tagged against them this year.

Two of the Inglewood tribe blasted the horseshoe over the left field fence for round trips. The first one by Dick Barham was a long drive which the boys may still be looking for.

Returning for the Tartars next year will be such stand-outs as second sacker Jim Murphy, who turned in a very good job this season; shortstop Bill Crawford, who is also a No. 1 ball player; and Charlie Camou, who got most of the top pitching chores this year.

The 1951 Tartar Varsity under

Swim Squad Fourth in Title Meet

El Camino's swim squad tied for fourth place with Muir College in the Southern California J. C. Swimming Championships which were held at Long Beach last week totaling 24 points.

Fullerton J. C. made it 13 titles in 14 years by retaining the championship as they amassed 176 points to outdistance their nearest rival, Bakersfield, by 127 digits.

Don Ballard, EC swimmer, finished fifth in the 1500 meter free style and sixth in the 440 free style. Don Schultz grabbed a second in the 100 yard breast stroke and third in the 200 yard breast stroke. Barry Hamilton placed sixth in the 100 yard back-stroke.

Other Warrior placers were Joe Predisk who finished sixth in the low and the high board diving, and the combine of Schultz, Hamilton and Buddy Cravens who came third in the 300 yard medley. Cravens, Ron Cheadle, and Hamilton got a sixth in the 400 yard free style relay.

Dukes Blast Lions 24-8 to Open Softball Season in Walleria

Some strength began to appear in the ranks of the softball teams of the city this week and last as play got under way in the 1951 round of play in the three leagues.

Strongest bid for some notice was posted by the Walleria Dukes who blasted the Great Lake Lions 24-8 in five innings to open the C league. The Lions chalked up 16 bobbles to contribute heavily to their downfall. Leigh Harline tossed 4-hit ball for the winners.

General Petroleum opened the B league with an 8-2 win over the American Rock Wool nine. Dick Morgan pitched 4-hit ball for the winners while Hank Camou gave up 8 hits for the losers.

In the first game of the A league, defending champions Lovelady Hardware received for a loss to the Harvey Machine squad by a score of 6-2. Dean Ritchie pitched the winners to their first victory. The losing Lovelady team won the big Herald trophy last year.

Other first-time winners included the Palos Verdes Merchants, who defeated the Walleria Businessmen in a 7-3 C league game; and the Pittsburg Paints, who nosed out Pacific Electric for their C league win.

Rusty Brooks pitched 2-hit ball last Thursday to lead his Dow Chemical team to a 4-0 win over National Electric Products. Brooks struck out 17 batters as did Don Stickle, who tossed for the losers.

In games Tuesday night, Lovelady Hardware beat Torrance Hardware 9-0 behind the two hit pitching of Al Coast.

Three Ms pounded out a 12-3 win over Potters Local and Pittsburg Plant nosed Great Lakes Lions 8-0.

Corsairs Nose Camino Golfers In Title Match

In a tight race for the Metropolitan Conference Golf Championship, Santa Monica nosed out El Camino by 34 points for first place honors, and the Warriors in turn squeezed by Long Beach by a mere four points, to slide into the second slot. The activities took place last Friday on the Montebello greens.

The top pill pelters were George Goodall (ELA), and Ted Matzer (SM), both shooting 143's for the 36 holes.

The total scoring was as follows: Santa Monica, 929; El Camino, 963; Long Beach, 987; East Los Angeles, 1026; Bakersfield, 1114; Valley, 1140.

On the Riviera links last Monday Santa Monica again displayed "too much" for the Caminomen, this time by a 20-0 score.

This brings down the curtain on the final act of the locals golf season. The final record for coach George Watt's crew was 10 wins, 4 losses and one tie.

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